

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

US Army
Corps
of Engineers
Baltimore
District

In Reply to Application Number CENAB-OP-RMN(AA DPW/TOWN POINT COVE/DREDGING)06-65667-18

PN-06-53

Comment Period: October 10, 2006 to October 24, 2006

THE PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLIC NOTICE IS TO SOLICIT COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE WORK DESCRIBED BELOW. AT THIS TIME, NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT A PERMIT WILL BE ISSUED.

The Baltimore District has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Federal and State authorization pursuant to the Tidal Wetlands Act and/or Nontidal Wetlands Protection Act, as described below:

APPLICANT:

Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works Attn: Marril Plait 2662 Riva Road Annapolis, MD 21401

LOCATION: Town Point Cove is located at the end of Leitch Lane in the Town Point Community and on Herring Bay, in southern Anne Arundel County, Maryland.

WORK: The proposed work is to hydraulic or mechanical dredge a main channel in Town Cove connecting with an existing federal channel in Rockhold Creek/Herring Bay for a total of 182,728 square feet. Additionally, 5 individual spur channels listed below are proposed. Segment A-1 of the main channel is to be 1,326 feet by 50 feet to -6 feet mean low water (MLW). Segment A-2 of the main channel is to be 384 feet by 50 feet to -6 feet MLW. The dredging will result in approximately 13,812 cubic yards of material from the main channel and approximately 17,574 cubic yards of material from the spur channels. The dredged material is to be deposited at the approved Town Point dredged material placement (DMP) site. The permit for these projects, if approved, would authorize periodic maintenance dredging for a period of 6 years, subject to prior notification of the District Engineer and availability of an adequate disposal site for the dredged material. The purpose of the project is to improve navigable access to the federal channel.

All work is to be completed in accordance with the enclosed plan(s). If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. Richard Kibby at (410)962-0694.

#### Spur Channels:

Name	Area (sq. ft.)	Volume (cu. yds	Proposed Depth (ft. MLW)	Proposed Pier Extension
#1 Michael Zuralow 483 Leitch Rd. Tracys Landing, MD 20799	13,868	257	-5	6'x 120'
#2 Pete Nacci 6125 Leitch Lane Tracys Landing, MD 20799	16,492	1,187	-6	no
#3 Edwin Crandell 6115 Leitch Lane	146,355	13,551	-6	no

#4 James Smith 6114 Leitch Lane Tracys Landing, MD 20799	18,689	1,731	-6, -5	no
#5 Edwin Crandell 6115 Leitch Lane Tracys Landing, MD 20799	9,153	848	-6	no

Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Assessment: The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Management Act (MSFCMA), as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-267), requires all Federal agencies to consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded or undertaken by the agency that may adversely affect EFH. The proposed work is to be performed in shallow water, during the winter months, and in an area with no history of SAV. This area has EFH as described under the MSFCMA for the juvenile & adult stages of; Red Hake <u>Urophycis chuss</u>, Scup <u>Stenotomus chrysops</u>, Black Sea Pomatomus juvenile, and, Summer Flounder <u>Paralicthys dentatus</u>. In addition, the egg, larval, and adult stages of Red Drum <u>Sciaenops ocellatus</u>, King Mackerel <u>Scomberomorus</u> are mitigated for by shallow water, winter dredging. Consequently, after reviewing the appropriate literature under the MSFCMA, there will be no apparent adverse effect to either the managed species or to their EFH quality and/or quantity nor to their "prey" species as a result of this proposed project.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

The applicant is required to obtain a water quality certification in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act from the Maryland Department of the Environment. Any written comments concerning the work described above which relate to water quality certification must be received by the Standards and Certification Division Maryland Department of the Environment, Montgomery Park Business Center, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Suite 430, Baltimore, Maryland 21230-1708 within the comment period as specified above to receive consideration. Written comments concerning the work described above related to the factors listed above or other pertinent factors must be received by the District Engineer, US Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, PO Box 1715, Baltimore, Maryland 21203-1715, within the comment period as specified above to receive consideration. The 401 certifying agency has a statutory limit of one year to make its decision.

The applicant must obtain any State or local government permits which may be required.

A preliminary review of this application indicates that the proposed work will not affect listed species or their critical habitat pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act as amended. As the evaluation of this application continues, additional information may become available which could modify this preliminary determination.

Review of the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places indicates that no registered properties listed as eligible for inclusion therein are located at the site of the proposed work. Currently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistoric, or historical data may be lost or destroyed by the work to be accomplished under the requested permit.

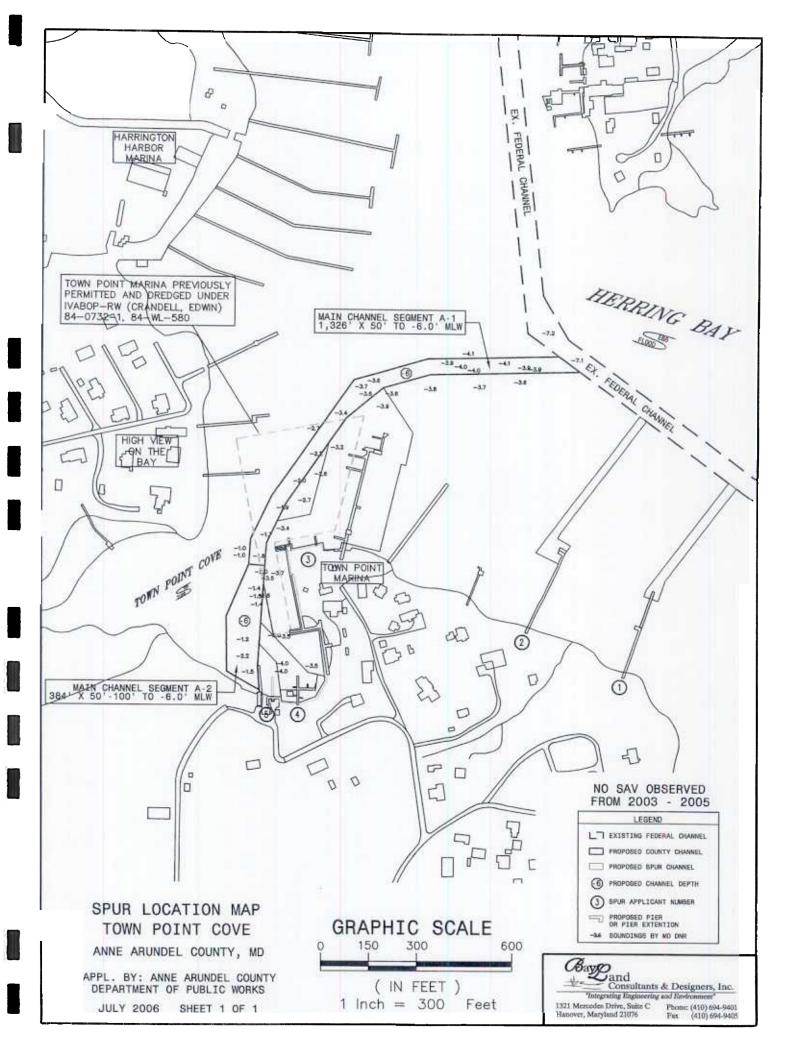
The evaluation of the impact of the work described above on the public interest will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Any person who has an interest which may be adversely affected by the issuance of this permit may request a public hearing. The request, which must be in writing, must be received by the District Engineer, US Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, PO Box 1715, Baltimore, Maryland 21203-1715, within the comment period as specified as above to receive consideration. Also, it must clearly state forth the interest which may be adversely affected by this activity in the manner in which the interest may be adversely affected.

It is requested that you communicate the foregoing information concerning the proposed work to any persons known by you to be interested and not being known to this office, who did not receive a copy of this notice.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

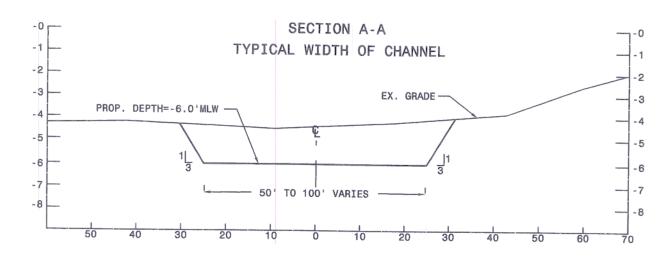
VANCE G. HOBBS Acting Chief, Regulatory Branch





## TYPICAL CHANNEL SECTIONS

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### PROPOSED CHANNEL

SEGMENT	LENGTH (FT)	MID	TH (FT)	DEPTH (MLW)
SEGMENT A-1	1,326		50	-6.0'
SEGMENT A-2	384	5	0-100	-6.0'
TOTAL MAIN CHA	NNEL VOLUME			13,812 CY
TOTAL MAIN CHA	NNEL LENGTH			1,789 LF
TOTAL MAIN CHA	NNEL AREA OF I	MPACT		182,728 SF = 4.2 AC
TOTAL MAIN CHA	NNEL AREA OF I	MPACT TO	SAV	0 SF = 0 AC

### **CHANNEL NOTES:**

- 1. PROPOSED CHANNEL WILL NOT IMPACT SAV.
- 2. SAND, SILT, AND CLAY MATERIALS ARE TO BE HYDRAULICALLY OR MECHANICALLY DREDGED.
- 3. DREDGING DEPTH -6.0' MLW.
- 4. MATERIAL WILL BE PLACED AT TOWN POINT DMP SITE.

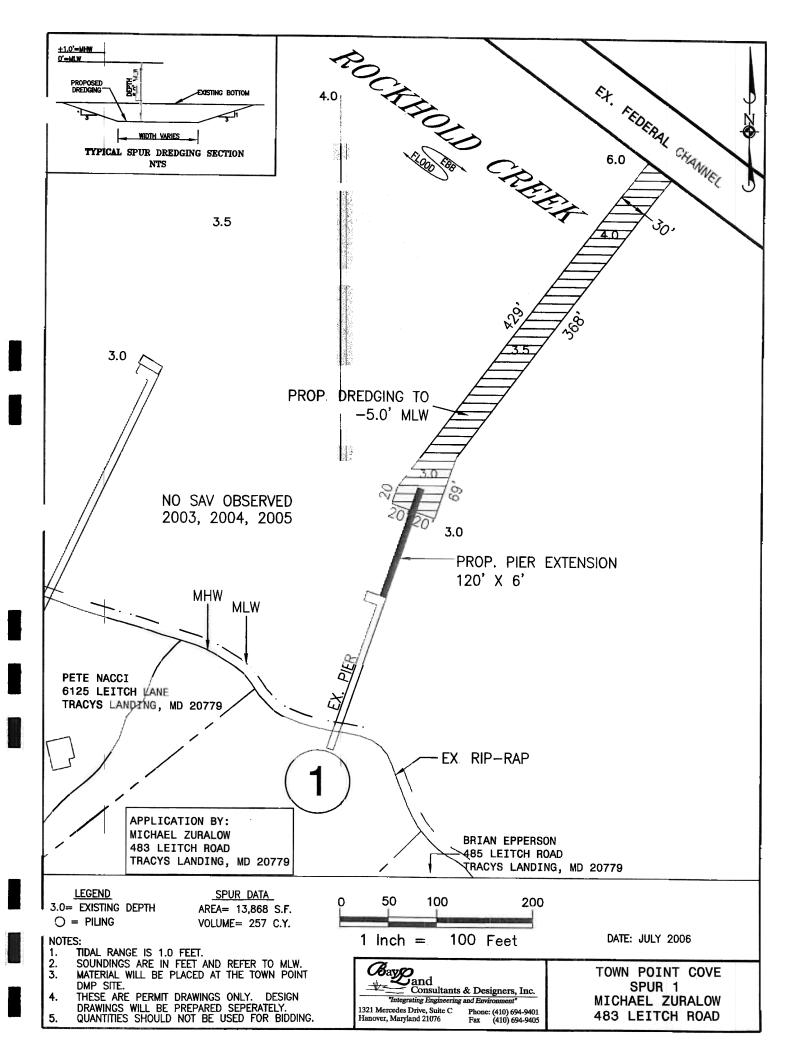
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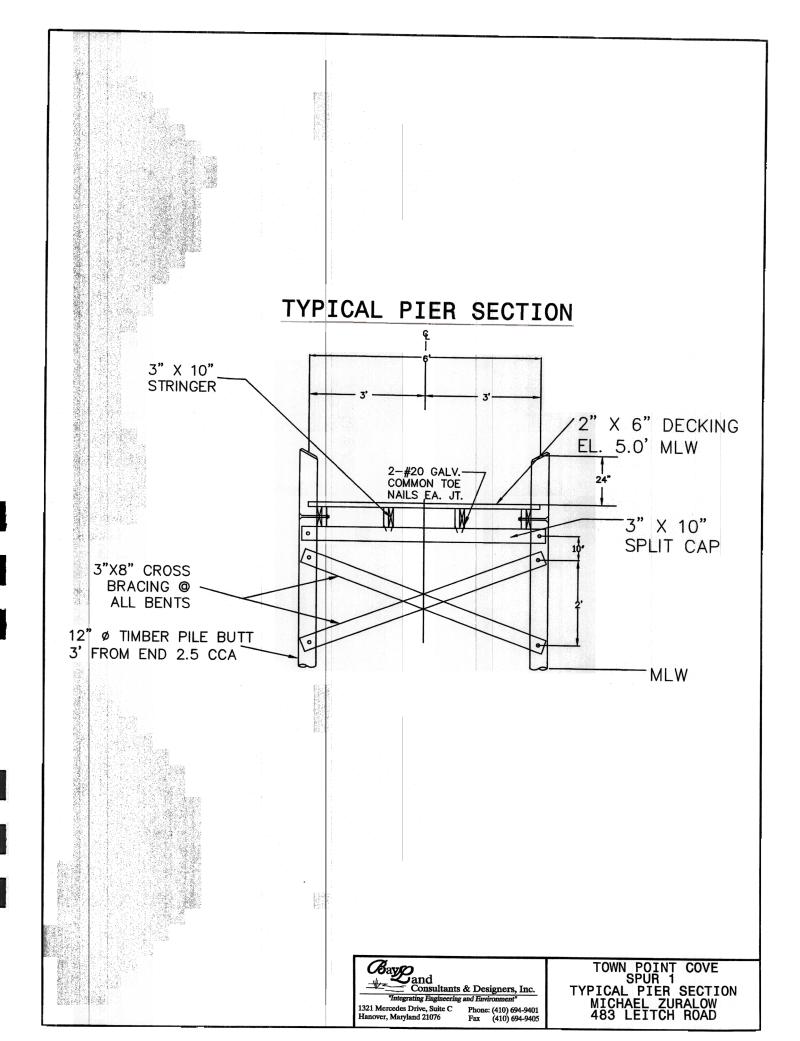
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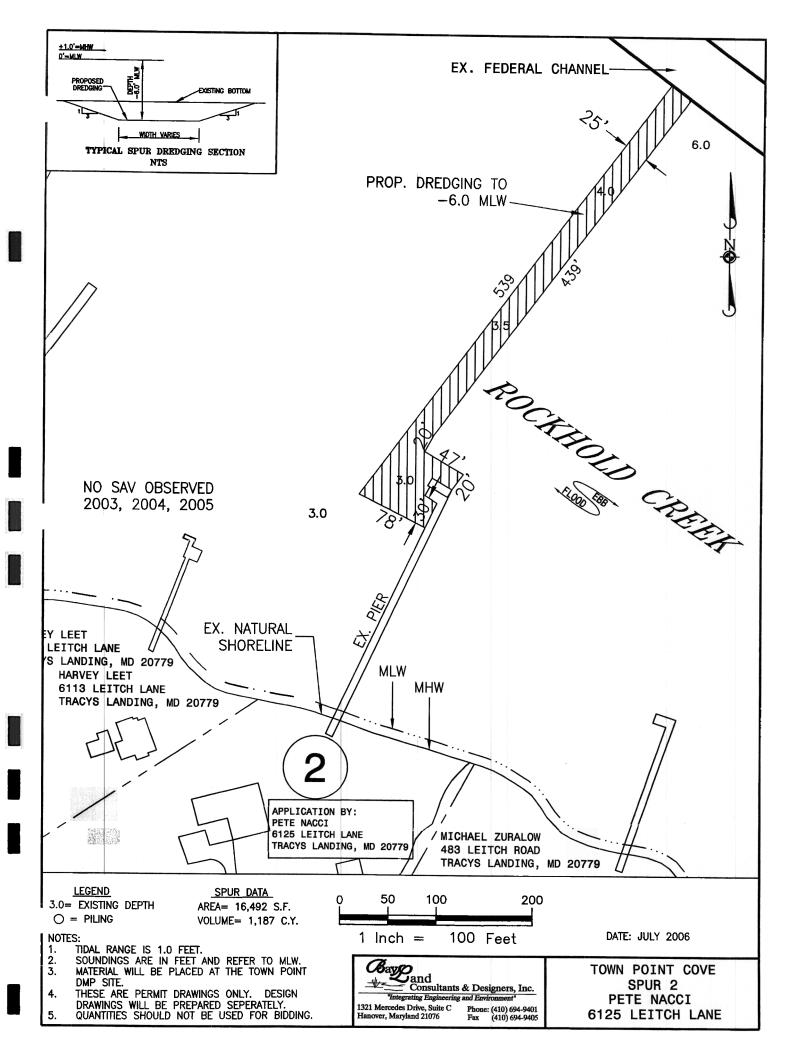
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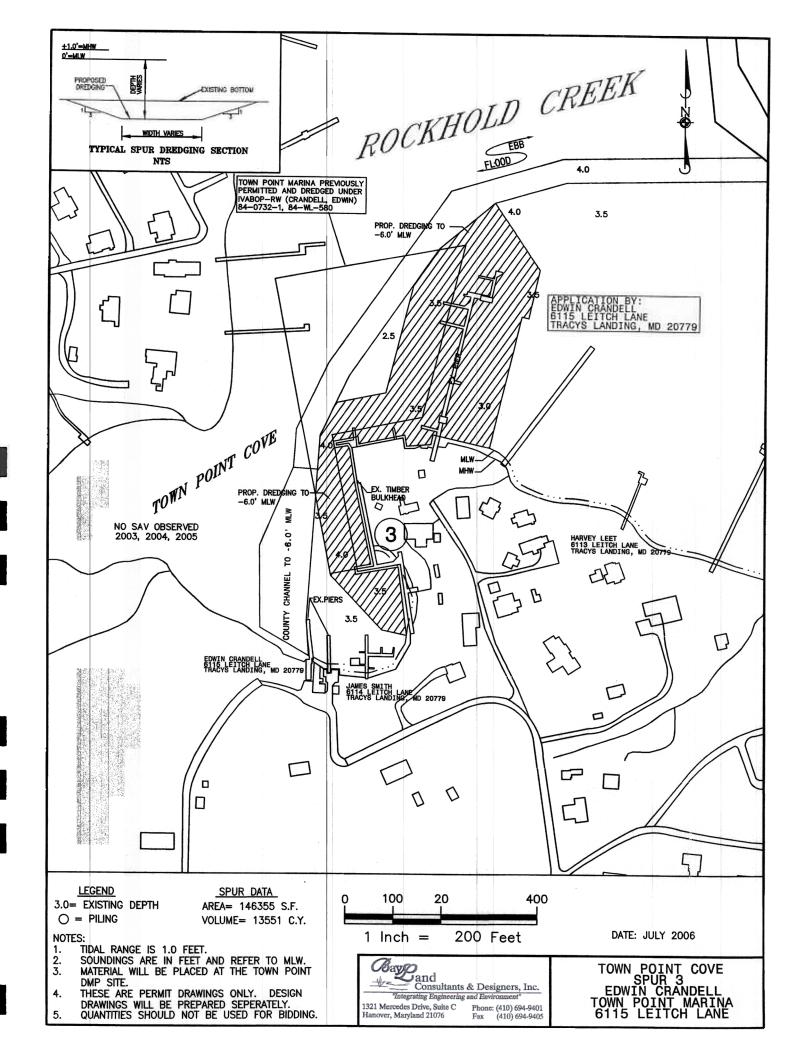
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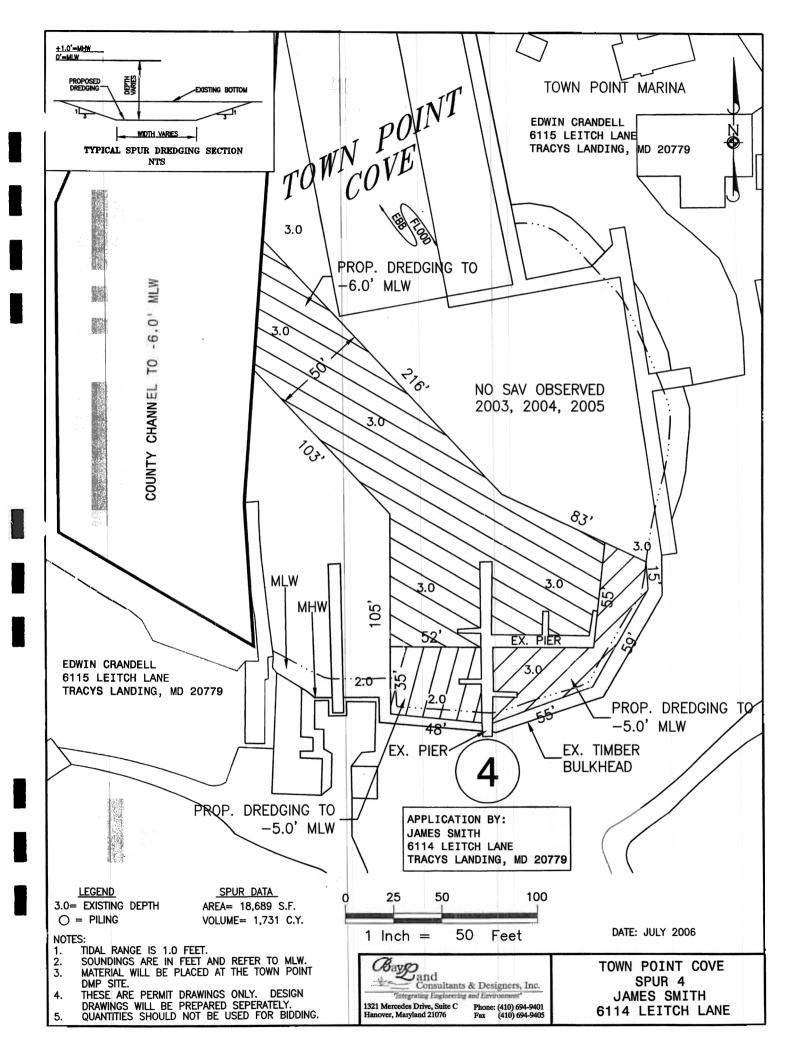


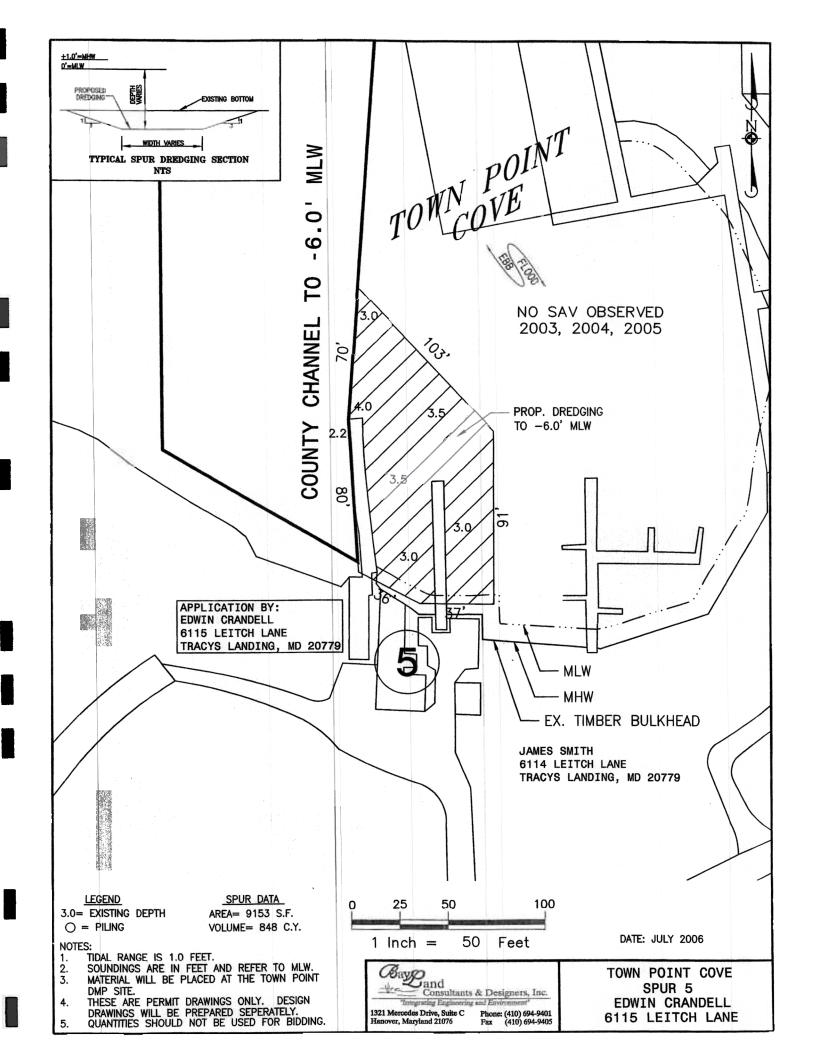












## SPUR CHANNEL DREDGING SUMMARY TOWN POINT COVE

July 2006

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Spur Channel Number	Property Owner	Address	Spur Channel Area Sq. Ft. Net (Total) (SAV Impact)	Spur Volume CY Net (Total)	Spur Proposed Depth (Ft. MLW)
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Net Area for 5 Spurs

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